

The Pocahontas Times

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When in Clarksburg the other day we had the privilege of meeting and becoming acquainted with Col. Henry Haymond, of that city. He is the historian and antiquarian of Harrison county, and is the author of the history of Harrison county.

Col. Haymond has a vivid recollection of Pocahontas county by reason of the fact that his father was the civil engineer who located the turnpike between Lewisburg and Marlins Bottom, and he as a boy belonged to the surveying corps. Col. Haymond recollects the noted controversy as to whether the pike should go over Droop Mountain and through Renicks Valley and over Spring Creek Mountain, or around the end of Droop across the number of ravines that have been worn in the bench above the river. It was a close question and the decision was in favor of the route over Droop Mountain. This was a great disappointment to the people who lived on the other road and the fight has never entirely died down. In those days Virginia was building pikes and canals, railroads being still in the experimental stage.

Last week Col. Haymond sent us a copy of the history of Harrison county and there is much valuable historical matter in that work appertaining to this section of the original boundary of Harrison county. For instance, we can tell from the dates there given the oldest community in the original boundaries of Harrison county was Marlins Bottom where Marlinton now stands. Our original corners were marked in 1751, whereas the survey on which Clarksburg stands was made in 1773. We were raising corn in Marlins Bottom while the site of Clarksburg was still a virgin forest. Marlinton extends its fetichations to its young sister Clarksburg and hopes that she is doing pretty well even if she did start pretty late in the day.

The History of Harrison county is particularly rich in its dates and other important details that really matter in the preservation of past events. We find in it some particulars that clear up a confusion of mind about the boundaries of the country lying around the headwaters of Greenbrier river which comprises the major part of Pocahontas county.

There can be but little doubt that between the years 1784 and 1791 that the Greenbank, Huntersville, and part of Edray districts were claimed by Harrison and Randolph though the act establishing Harrison county left most of this portion in Augusta. In 1791, Bath was established which set at rest this claim, though Randolph was inclined to claim it afterwards.

The counties of which Pocahontas territory formed a part are as follows:

Spotsylvania formed in 1720, which seems to be the first county that took into its territory any land west of the Blue Ridge.

Orange formed in 1734 included in its territory all the land west of the Blue Ridge.

Augusta was formed in 1738 and comprised all the land lying west of the Blue Ridge south of Frederick which took a part of the Potomac valley. All the rest to Augusta. Thus Augusta county in a princely residuary clause was given the territory which is now divided into the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and the greater part of West Virginia.

Botetourt formed in 1769 took all south of a line starting on the Blue Ridge and running N 55 W to the Ohio river. This line reached the Ohio river at or near the mouth of the Little Kanawha. It crossed the Greenbrier river about four miles below Marlinton near the mouth of Swago creek. Parkersburg is just about N 55 W from Marlinton allowing for the variation of the needle.

In 1776, the general assembly of Virginia in the first year of the commonwealth passed an act to divide the district of West Augusta into three counties, of Monongalia, Ohio and Yohogania. The starting point is definite calling for the point between the waters of Cheat, Greenbrier and Potomac rivers. This is the present northeast corner of Pocahontas. It evidently meant to throw all the territory drained by the great Monongahela river into the district of these three counties. Monongalia took the southern part, Ohio the western part, and Yohogania that part that afterwards fell to Pennsylvania. The small portion remaining of this county on Virginia soil was added to Ohio county and Yohogania has been known since as the "lost county." With it we lost the city of Pittsburgh.

In 1777, the second year of the commonwealth, Greenbrier county was formed and its northern boundary was from the top of the Alleghany mountain which divides the eastern from the western waters, at the point where the line

between Augusta and Botetourt crosses the same and with the same course, N 55 W to the Ohio river.

In 1780, an act was passed adding to Monongalia all that part of Augusta lying northwest of a line beginning on the Greenbrier line and running with the height of land northward so as to leave the waters of Greenbrier in Augusta. The point on the ridge dividing the waters of the Greenbrier from the waters of Elk and Tygart's Valley rivers is called for. The great system of the Ganley River does not seem to have been known. What is evidently meant was to follow the divide from Swago mountain around the heads of Swago, (Stony and Clover creeks and along Cheat and Back Alleghany Mountains to the main Alleghany.

Harrison was formed in 1784. It took the southern end of Monongalia. The act did not attempt to define the southern boundaries of the new county. The first year, May 13, 1785, the county court undertook to establish the line between Harrison county and Greenbrier and directed its principal surveyor to appoint one of his deputies to run the line in conjunction with the surveyor of Greenbrier county and to employ as a corps, two markers, three chain carriers, two drivers, and one hunter, and to take four pack horses. This line was run, starting on the divide between the eastern and the western waters where the Augusta and Botetourt line crossed and with it to the Ohio river, 108 3/4 miles, which was declared to be the southern boundary of Harrison county. The work was begun September 15, 1785 and finished May 15, 1786. The cost was \$632.50. The following is the expense account:

2 5 8 pecks of salt.
123 pounds of flour.
6 bushels of wheat.
3 4 bushels of Indian corn.
6 pounds of bacon.
Number of days horses employed 279
Number of days for packers, chain bearers, etc. 632
Number of days for hunters 211
There was some trouble settling with Greenbrier over her part of the costs and it was settled by commissioners appointed by the respective counties who reached an agreement April 3, 1787. Greenbrier 123 pounds, 14 shillings and 2 pence. Harrison 66 pounds and 10 pence. There was a lot of scrip issued by the surveyor and it was agreed that this should be redeemed at the house of William Poage, who was the commissioner for Greenbrier county. This was William Poage, sr. He lived at the C. W. Beard place at Hillsboro and was a man 47 years old. He is the ancestor of the writer, and a host of other Pocahontas people.

In 1787, Randolph took all the southern end of Harrison as a new county and with it took all the burdens of the indefinite southern boundary.

In 1791, Bath was formed and it began to push back its frontier on territory claimed by Randolph. In 1821, Pocahontas was formed with definite boundaries and it has succeeded in holding not only the greater part of the Greenbrier Valley, but portions of the waters of Cherry, Cranberry, Williams, Ganley, Elk, Tygart's Valley, and Cheat rivers.

The Harrison county line was actually run and marked. It splits the State of West Virginia into two equal parts. Its location has been kept alive by a number of land grants which were surveyed to this line and which call for running with it. It would be an interesting line for anyone who liked to explore the mountains to follow through. In late years, as a result of a gerrymander, the 10th Senatorial District, the "Tenth Legion," has been formed of the counties through which this line runs. This district is sometimes referred to as the shoestring district, being longer than it is broad.

We are very much obliged to Col. Haymond for the copy of the History of Harrison county, and we have placed it with the "Border Warfare," another history that was published some years ago in Harri on county.

Col. Harvey thinks that President Wilson is worse hated in Europe than any man who ever lived. He surely has forgotten about that man George Washington. Besides the European people ought to be hating themselves even by this time. In his story about Loudon Dodd, Robert Louis Stevenson has the following passage:

"Dijon improved the opportunity in the European style, informing me of the manners of America; how it was a den of banditti without the smallest rudiment of law or order, and debts could be there only collected with a shotgun. 'The whole world knows it,' he would say; 'you are alone, mon petit Loudon, you are alone to be in ignorance these facts. The judges of the Supreme Court fought but the other day with stiletos on the bench at Cincinnati. You should read the little book of one of my friends, Le Touriste dans le Far West; you will see it all there in good French.'"

John Sharp Williams is about right when he declares for a smaller army and a bigger navy.

Poetry can be written on any subject. Our attention was called some time ago to the fact that a poem had been written about excelsior, those long thin shavings that merchants use to pack things. A dryer subject would be hard to find, and the poet did not succeed with it very well as the only way he could bring the word in was to attach it to each verse like a shipping tag. One verse had a right neat rejoinder to a young lady:

"O stay," the maiden cried, "and rest,
Thy weary head upon this breast!"
A tear stood in his bright blue eye
But still he answered with a sigh,
Excelsior!

We struck a kind of verse the other day that is as easy to construct as a rail fence. It is what you might call a quadriyllabic. Try it on your accordion.

The poet cried
"My system aches
For oysters fried
And pies and cakes.
It's grand to be
Like Poe and Keats,
But hully gee,
One must have eats!"
—Youngstown Telegram.

Tut, tut, ye bard
And do not wail,
Fill up the platter
And brim the pail;
Let laughter reign,
You foolish lummock,
Let Poe and Keats
Have empty stomachs.
—Painesville Republican.

I would not be
Like Poe or Keats
For four at our
House must have eats
Were we like them,
How they'd be fed?
For Poe and Keats
Are so dinged dead.
—Houston Post.

I want to know
What Poe and Keats
Have got to do
With what one eats?
Men every day
To dinner go
Who never heard
Of Keats or Poe.
From Acheron's shore
This Keats and Poe
Augment the winds
That round us blow;
So from the feast
When you repair
Into the gloom
To take the air,
And find your breath
Draw painfully
Lis Poe and Keats
With thee.

That gentle soul, the Hon. E. L. Long has struck a thorny path in politics. After serving for many years as treasurer of West Virginia, he consulted his horoscope and decided that the time was ripe to try for the auditorship, a place of greater dignity and carrying with it greater emolument. Therefore he started to run and told some dear friends that they could run for treasurer, and a couple of them entered for the place. Darst in the meantime came out for governor or but not liking the looks of the clouds on the horizon, took the back track and decided he would run for auditor. In this he has been greatly applauded by the country at large for his saying in the race for governorship would have placed many good men in an awkward position. In fact Darst says himself that he withdrew as a gubernatorial candidate and entered the race for auditor for the good of the party and in the interest of peace and harmony. Long probably does not see any peace and harmony in the situation. Evidently some one has said to Long to go and do likewise, but this he refuses to do, because he told the present treasurer candidates that the way was clear. Such is politics.

There is no end to Roosevelt's career. He has played his cards with such consummate skill that the issue has been presented that he be the Republican nominee, and he is running as strong as he was in 1912, when he had the majority of the party with him, and a minority of the delegates. He bolted that convention. It does not seem possible that any other man alive could have had the audacity to inject himself into another campaign. Yet here he is looming large as life in the mental vision of every Republican voter, and the voter afraid to say a word, for fear that he might be quoted, should Roosevelt actually win the nomination, and be entitled to every Republican vote. There are many unexpected things in politics. The question is no longer whether Roosevelt can come back. He is already back. The history of 1908 is repeated: "They will have to take me or Hughes," and they cannot take Hughes for he is too much like Wilson.

It is with considerable relief that the country sees that Congress is not in favor of war. We can all remember when Congress forced President McKinley to war.

DUNMORE
Mrs. Dr. Jones died at her home at Doe Hill, Virginia, last week.

We have a great deal of sickness. Dr. Lambert has been sick for three weeks and able to attend to half of his calls.

F. A. Pritchard has accepted a position in the Warn Lumber Company's store and has moved his family there.

The Deer Creek Lumber Company is working between Dunmore and Greenbank.

Miss Ruth Grimes has returned to school at Buchanan.

Warren Moore has returned to Front Royal School.

A. L. Nottingham is here, on a visit from the west.

Arlie Curry has returned to Massey Business College at Richmond.

Misses Hettie and Mabel Moore and Merritt Moore, will go to Richmond next week to enter school.

Cobweb For Spinnet Cross Hairs.
Broken cross hairs in surveyor's transit can be replaced with spider web. The lens should be removed and the shellac cut out of the notches in which the ends of the cross hairs terminated. A length of spider silk should be carefully removed from a spider's web and mounted in the notches with thin shellac. Care should be taken that the fingers do not come in contact with the spider silk, as the acid from the human skin quickly destroys the delicate fiber.—Popular Science Monthly.

Report of the Condition of THE BANK OF DURBIN

Located at Durbin, in the State of West Virginia, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1915. Organized 1905. Bank first began business December 11, 1905.

RESOURCES	DOLLARS
Loans and discounts	128 307 67
Stocks and securities, including premiums	29 376 33
Banking House	9 200 00
Furniture and fixtures	1 065 67
Other real estate owned	1 800 00
Due from Banks	37 640 05
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank	7 054 27
Taxes	186 49
Total	214 660 48

LIABILITIES	DOLLARS
Capital Stock paid in	30 000 00
Surplus fund	15 000 00
Dividends unpaid	1 200 00
Undivided profit	3 300 00
DEPOSITS:	
Subject to check	155 979 26
Time certificates	9 181 22
	165 160 48
Total	214 660 48

State of West Virginia, County of Pocahontas:
I, E. L. Fenton, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. L. Fenton, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Jan., 1916.
C. E. Carpenter, Notary Public.
My commission expires February 13th, 1919.
J. G. Hoffman, Jr.
J. Hall Wilson
Kenna Rexrode
Directors.

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Fayetteville, N. C.—"My little daughter was in poor health, delicate and so weak it made us very uneasy. I heard about Vinol and decided to try it and the results were marvelous, her appetite improved, she gained in weight, and is now one of the healthiest children in town. Mothers of delicate children should try Vinol."—Mrs. GORDON JESSUP.
Vinol is a delicious cod liver and iron tonic without oil, a constitutional remedy which creates an appetite, aids digestion and makes more healthy blood. All children love to take it.

Marlinton Drug Store
Marlinton, W. Va.



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With Electric Starter and Electric Lights

Four Inch Tires

the smaller size used on other cars of similar specifications.

The motor is four-cylinder, long stroke bloc type, having a 3 1/2-inch bore and 5-inch stroke. Horsepower is 20-25. It is of the most modern design.

It has high-tension magneto ignition. This is the kind used on the most expensive cars.

The electric starting and lighting system is one of the most efficient on the market. It is of the two-unit type.

The electric switches are conveniently located on the steering column. This is the same arrangement used on the highest priced cars.

It has the easy working Overland clutch which any woman can operate. The pedals are adjustable for reach. The steering wheel is large and turns easily. The brakes are large and powerful.

The rear springs are the famous cantilever type. These are probably the easiest riding and most shock absorbing springs ever designed. With these springs riding comfort is insured.

It has a one-man mohair top.

In short, there is everything that makes this car up-to-date and comparable with many cars costing considerably more money.

You will be delighted when you see it. And when you ride in it you'll know instantly that this is your ideal of a modern automobile at your idea of a moderate price.

Other Overland models are—Model 33 five-passenger touring car \$750; the famous Overland Six seven-passenger touring car \$1115. All prices being f. o. b. Toledo.

Call, telephone or write for demonstration.

Model 75 is a comfortable, family car with virtually all the advantages of the very large cars at a price which is well within your reach.

The body is the latest full streamline design with a one-piece cowl.

It is handsomely finished in solid black with bright nickel and polished aluminum fittings.

Five adults can ride comfortably.

The tires are four inch all around because we believe in the advantage of large tires. They insure greater mileage and comfort than can be obtained from

Specifications of Model 75

Power steering body front passenger touring car	20-25 horsepower motor	Electric starting and lighting	Left hand drive, center console	Electric horn
Finished in black with nickel and polished aluminum fittings	High tension magneto ignition	Headlight dimmers	1 1/2 inch drive shaft	Auto. transmission optional
	Wheelbase 104 inches	Electric switches on steering column	Flashing light rear end	Motor development
			Crashproof springs on rear	Full set of tools

Marlinton Auto and Supply Company

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Sheriff's Office for the Month of December, 1915.

Balance on hand November 30, 1915	\$ 92 024 91
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	3 281 75
License issued by county clerk	2 60
Moneys received from Auditor for support high schools	605 00
Total receipts, including balance	\$ 95 914 26
Disbursements—	
Orders paid, issued by County Court	\$ 19 854 31
Orders paid, issued by Boards of Education	9 855 13
Land and Personal Property Tax paid into State Treasury	8 954 06
License Taxes paid into the State Treasury	22 20
Sheriff's commission on license	1 17
Marlinton Service Co. 1914 taxes paid to Town of Marlinton	195 00
Total Disbursements	\$ 38 881 87
Balance December 31, 1915	\$ 57 032 29

I, L. S. Cochran, Sheriff of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the finances of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for the month ending December 31, 1915, showing the balance on hand at the beginning of the month, the amount received, the amount disbursed and the amount remaining in the treasury and banks.
Given under my hand this 12th day of January, 1916.
L. S. COCHRAN, S. P. C.

L. S. Cochran has received check in full through F. M. Snyder, of the Hunter & Echols Insurance Agency, covering his loss on the building by the fire of December 30.

Notice

The Directors of the Marlinton & Academy Mutual Telephone Company will meet at Hillsboro, Saturday, January 22, 1916, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of receiving bids for the work of Lineman. Said lineman is to put all the lines and switchboards of the Company in good serviceable condition and keep them in such condition for the remainder of the current year, 1916. Joint or separate bids for linework and switchboard repairing will be considered. Said Company will furnish all wires, brackets, insulators, cross-arms, etc., that may be necessary in keeping up the lines and switchboards.

The party or parties to whom the contract or contracts may be awarded will be required to give bond with approved security for the proper performance of contract. The Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
By Order of Board of Directors.

Beverly Normal School
The Fifteenth session of the Beverly Normal School will open April 11, 1916. A school for teachers and correct statement of the finances of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for the month ending December 31, 1915, showing the balance on hand at the beginning of the month, the amount received, the amount disbursed and the amount remaining in the treasury and banks.
Given under my hand this 12th day of January, 1916.
L. S. COCHRAN, S. P. C.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

OF VALUABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

I will, as administrator of J. E. Hannah, deceased, sell at public auction on THURSDAY, 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1916, at the residence of the late J. E. Hannah, near York, the following personal property:

- 1 black mare with foal
- 2 bay mares
- 1 bay horse
- 4 head milk cows
- 1 three year old heifer
- 4 three year old steers
- 7 two year old heifers
- 5 yearling steers
- 8 yearling heifers
- 1 bull
- 85 head of stock ewes
- 5 hogs
- 1 two horse wagon
- 1 mowing machine
- 1 hay rack
- 1 hay tedder
- 1 spring tooth harrow
- 1 surrey
- 1 corn sheller
- 10 stacks of hay
- 1 lot of lumber
- 12 shares Bank of Marlinton Stock and many other things too tedious to mention.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums under \$5.00 cash in hand on day of sale. All sums over \$5.00 a credit of nine months will be given the purchaser executing his negotiable note with good personal sureties.
RUSSELL HANNAH,
Administrator of J. E. Hannah.

INDIAN RUNNER DUCKS—A pen of five ducks and a drake, full blooded, fawn and white, for \$6, delivered at express office. Also a number of drakes for sale.—Allan Gay, Marlinton, W. Va.

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